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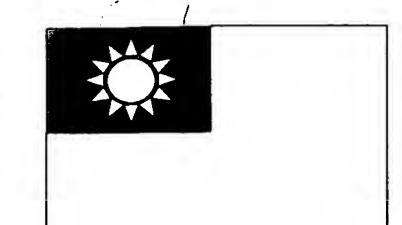
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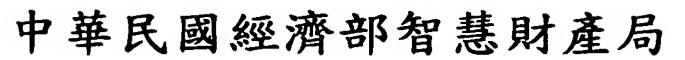
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A color printer includes a ribbon including a plurality of dye regions. Each dye region includes a plurality of dye areas of different colors. The color printer further includes a print head for transferring dye on the ribbon onto a paper, a ribbon-moving device for moving the ribbon so that the print head can transfer the dye on each of the dye areas of one dye region onto the paper to form





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a color picture. The color printer further includes an optical sensing module installed on the side of the ribbon. The optical sensing module includes an optical goniometer driven by the ribbon-moving device for rotating in a certain grid when the ribbon-moving device moves the ribbon. The color printer further includes a control module for controlling the ribbon-moving



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device to move the next dye region of the ribbon to the print head after finishing printing one dye region of the ribbon according to the rotating grid of the optical goniometer.



六、指定代表圖

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6 4	第一光源	6 6	光 感 測 器

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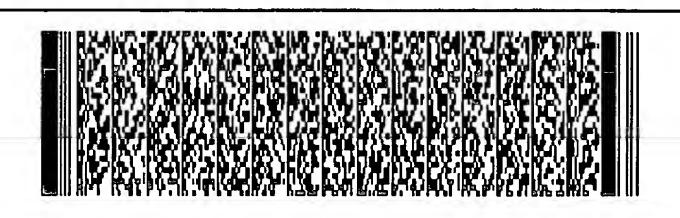
【發明所屬之技術領域】

本發明係提供一可節省色帶長度之彩色印表機,尤指一種依據一光學分角儀轉動之格數來控制色帶移動藉以節省色帶長度之彩色印表機。

[先前技術]

請參考圖一,圖一為習知彩色印表機10之色帶裝置的內部結構示意圖。如圖一所示,彩色印表機10的色帶裝置包含有一色帶12、二光源14及16以及二感測器18及20。色帶12





五、發明說明 (2)

內設有複數個依序排列之染料區22,每一染料區22均設有四個帶有不同顏色染料之方形染料區塊24、26、28、30分別用來存放黃色(yellow)、洋紅色(magenta)、青綠色(cyan)以及保護層(over coating)之染料,且黃色染料區塊24的前緣設有完全不透明區域32,而在染料區塊24與26、26與28、28與30之間則設有不透明區域34以及透明區域36。

光源14、16係設於色帶12之一側,用來對色帶12發出二預定顏色之光線38、40。感測器18、20係設於色帶12之另側並與光源14、16相對應,用來感測穿透過色帶12的光線38、40並產生相對應的位置訊號。當感測器18、20偵測到完全不透明區域32時,表示色帶12已開始進入一新的於點區22,亦即表示已找到黃色染料區塊24的起始的影響。 處測器18、20偵測到部分不透明區域34及透明區域36時底線測器18、20偵測到部分不透明區域34及透明區域36時底線28或保護層染料區塊30。由於在各染料區塊之間必須預留受感測之不透明區域34以及透明區域36,如此一來便會減少色帶總長度之利用率,因而提高色帶使用之成本。

【發明內容】

本發明係提供一種可節省色帶長度之彩色印表機,以解決上述之問題。





五、發明說明 (3)

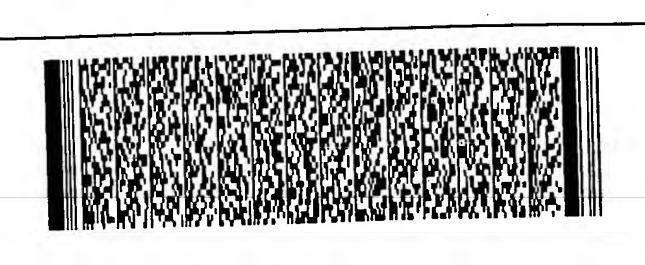
本發明之申請專利範圍係揭露一種彩色印表機,其包含有 ,每一染料區包含有複數 包含有複數個染料區 顏色染料之染料區塊,一 列印頭 色带移動裝置,用來移動 之染料列印至一物體上, 带以使該列印頭得以將該色帶上之一染料區內營各個 塊上的染料列印至該物體上以形成一彩色圖 包含有一 測模組,安裝於該色帶之側邊,其 用來於該色帶移動裝置移動該色帶時被該色帶移動 ,而轉動一特定格數,以及一控制模組,用來於 色带上之一染料區塊列印完畢後,依據該光學分角儀轉 動之格數來控制該色帶移動裝置移動該色帶之下一染料區 塊至列印頭處。

本發明申請專利範圍之優點在於可有效地節省相片印表機之色帶長度;除此之外,本發明之設計由於可得知目前色帶正列印到哪一染料區,故可提供使用者判斷目前色帶使用位置之資訊,進而得知色帶還可以列印多少張相紙之資訊。

【實施方式】

請參閱圖二,圖二為本發明一彩色印表機50之功能示意圖。彩色印表機10可為一熱轉印式之相片印表機。彩色印

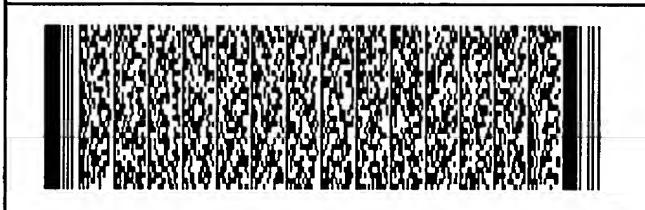


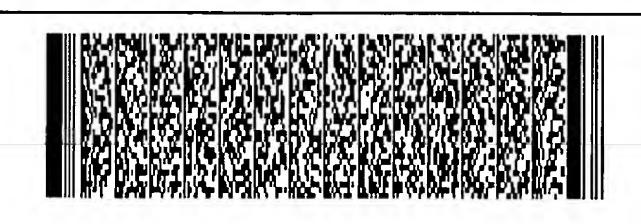


五、發明說明 (4)

表機10包含一色带52,一列印頭54,用來將色帶52上之染料列印至一相紙上,一色帶移動裝置56,用來移動色帶52以使列印頭54得以將色帶52上之染料列印至該物體上以形成一彩色圖案,一光學感測模組58,以及一控制模組60,用來依據光學感測模組58所感測到之結果控制色帶移動裝置56移動色帶52之動作。

參閱圖三,圖三為本發明彩色印表機50的內部結構示意 。彩色印表機10之光學感測模組58包含一光學分角儀 62,用來於色帶移動裝置56移動色帶52時被色帶移動裝置 56 带動,而轉動一特定格數,一第一光源64,其可為一發 ,用來對色帶52發出一光線,一光感測器66,用 來感測由第一光源64射出並穿透色帶52之光線,一第二光 源68,用來對光學分角儀62發出一光線,以及一光檢測器 70 ,用來接收由第二光源68射出並通過光學分角儀62之光 以得出光學分角儀62轉動之格數。色帶移動裝置56包 含一帶動端轉軸72,以及一供應端轉軸74,色帶52可藉由 帶動端轉軸72之旋轉而被帶動往箭頭方向移動,而使得色 带52於供應端轉軸74之纏繞圈數越來越少 數越來越 多 供 應端轉 軸74所纏繞之 並未列印之色 軸72所纏繞之色 動裝置56係以一等 而 度之方式捲動色





五、發明說明 (5)

請參閱圖四,圖四為本發明彩色印表機50之色帶52之示意圖。色帶52包含有複數個依序排列的染料區78,每一染料區78內包含有四個帶有不同顏色染料且長度均為L的染料區塊82、84、86、88分別用來存放黃色(yellow)、洋紅色(magenta)、青綠色(cyan)以及保護層(over coating)之染料,而每一染料區78之間都設有一長度L,之分隔區80,其可為黑色不透明之區塊,其中長度L係遠大於長度L,。而當第一光源64對色帶52發射出一光線76,且光感測器66可感測由第一光源64射出並穿透色帶52之光線76,並產生相對應的位置訊號,而當光感測器66感測到分隔區80時便會輸出一感測訊號至控制模組60,已告知控制模組60色帶52已開始進入一新的染料區78,亦即表示已找到黃色染料區塊82的起始位置。

請參閱圖五,圖五為色帶52上執行列印區域之示意圖。色帶52之染料區78內各染料區塊82、84、86、88分別用來存放黃色、洋紅色、青綠色以及保護層之染料,且依序被列印至一相紙上。而圖五中各染料區塊82、84、86、88內之虛線範圍即為相紙列印之範圍,其列印範圍長度為Lp,而兩相紙列印範圍之間相距一L"之長度,以確保列印頭54下一次之起印點可落在下一列印區塊內,而不會將染料區塊之長度L剛好設計成相紙列印範圍之長度Lp,此外黃色染料區塊82前之分隔區80係距離黃色染料區塊82之啟始列印位置L_f1之距離。





五、發明說明 (6)

請參閱圖六,圖六為本發明彩色印表機50於一相紙執行列印之流程圖。其包含下列步驟:

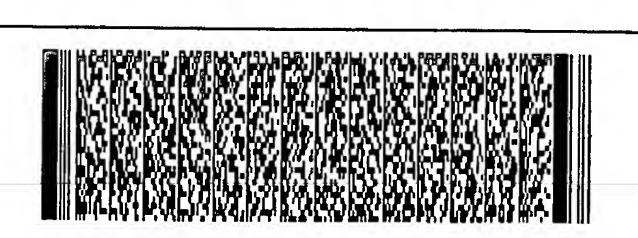
步驟100:啟動第一光源64及光感測器66,以搜尋黃色染料區塊82前之分隔區80,色帶移動裝置56並以等線速度捲動色帶52;

步驟102:請參閱圖七,圖七為彩色印表機50內部結構之側視圖。第一光源64與光感測器66距離列印頭54為一定值L_f1,故當光感測器66感測到黃色染料區塊82前之分隔區80時,列印頭54已於黃色染料區塊82之啟始列印位置,且此時光感測器66會輸出一感測訊號至控制模組60,控制模組60便控制列印頭54開始執行列印黃色染料區塊82於該相紙;

步驟104:啟動第二光源68及光檢測器70,當色帶移動裝置56轉動相對應於黃色染料區塊82之列印範圍長度Lp所需之步數時,光檢測器70可同步感測出光學分角儀62轉動之格數N,此時黃色染料區塊82便列印完畢,列印頭54停止列印;

步驟106:色带移動裝置56捲動色帶52前進,直到光檢測器70感測出光學分角儀62轉動格數N'時,光檢測器便輸出一感測訊號至控制模組60,以操控色帶移動裝置56停止捲動色帶52,而格數N'可由(Lp/N)=(L"/N')得出,此時列印頭54便落於下一列印染料區塊之洋紅色染料區塊84的啟始





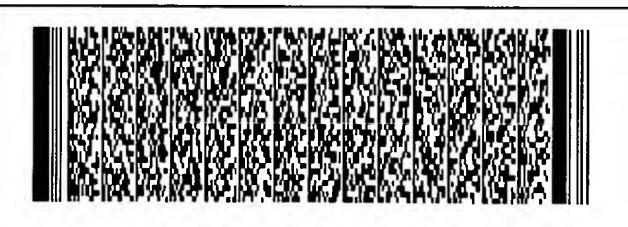
五、發明說明 (7)

列印位置;

步驟108:啟動列印頭54執行列印洋紅色染料區塊84之工作,之後並重複執行步驟104與步驟106,直至洋紅色染料區塊84、青綠色染料區塊86,以及保護層染料區塊88列印完畢為止,此時即完成列印該相紙之工作;以及步驟110:若需繼續列印下一張相紙,則重複執行步驟100

步驟110:若需繼續列印下一張相紙,則重複執行步驟100至步驟108,否則即結束列印工作。

由上述步驟可知,本發明之彩色印表機50可利用前一染料 區塊之相紙列印範圍長度Lp與光學分角儀62轉動格數N之 比例關係式,而得出接下來色帶移動裝置56所需移動色帶 52 行進L"距離所對應之光學分角儀62 所需轉動格數N',因 此接下來當光學分角儀62轉動格數N'時,即代表色帶52向 前行進了L"距離,而列印頭54便可落於下一列印染料區塊 之啟始列印位置。而光學分角儀62所需轉動格數N'可於每 次列印一染料區塊後得出此次光學分角儀62轉動之格數N 而被計算出來,或是設計者於產品出廠前先行進行實驗測 試,得出色帶52之各不同染料區78之各染料區塊列印完畢 光學分角儀62所轉動過之格數N,進而計算出 個別之光學分角儀62所需轉動格數N', 再將這些數據 建於本發明之彩色印表機50之控制模組60 可於每次列印一染料區塊完畢而得出此次光學分角 動之格數N後,查詢該內建之數據資料而得出相對應之 下來光學分角儀62應轉動之格數N'。除此之外,由光學

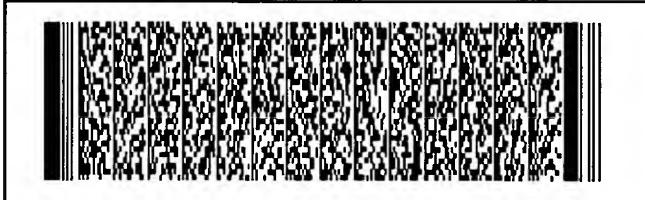




五、發明說明 (8)

分角儀62所轉動之格數對照該數據資料,亦可得出目前色帶52正列印到哪一染料區,以提供使用者判斷目前色帶52使用位置之資訊,而一張相紙需使用到一個染料區方能完成列印工作,故使用者由此可知色帶52先前已列印過多少張相紙,之後還可以列印多少張相紙。

以上所述僅為本發明之較佳實施例,凡依本發明申請專利範圍所做之均等變化與修飾,皆應屬本發明專利之涵蓋範圍。





圖式簡單說明

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圖一為習知彩色印表機之色帶裝置的內部結構示意圖。

圖二為本發明彩色印表機之功能示意圖。

圖三為本發明彩色印表機的內部結構示意圖。

圖四為本發明彩色印表機之色帶之示意圖。

圖五為色帶上執行列印區域之示意圖。

圖六為本發明彩色印表機於一相紙執行列印之流程圖。

圖七為彩色印表機內部結構之側視圖。

圖式之符號說明

1	0	彩	名	ED	去	挫
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14 光源

18 感測器

22 染料區

32 完全不透明區域

36 透明區域

40 光線

52 色帶

56 色带移動裝置

60 控制模組

64 第一光源

68 第二光源

12 色帶

16 光源

20 感測器

24, 26, 28, 30 染料區塊

34 不透明區域

38 光線

50 彩色印表機

54 列印頭

58 光學感測模組

62 光學分角儀

66 光感測器

70 光檢測器



圖式簡單說明

72 带動端轉軸

76 光線

80 分隔區

74 供應端轉軸

78 染料區

82,54,86,88 染料區塊



六、申請專利範圍

- 1. 一種彩色印表機,其包含有:
- 一色带,其包含有複數個染料區,每一染料區包含有複數個帶有不同顏色染料之染料區塊;
- 一列印頭,用來將該色帶上之染料列印至一物體上;
- 一色带移動裝置,用來移動該色帶以使該列印頭得以將該色帶上之一染料區內之各個染料區塊上的染料列印至該物體上以形成一彩色圖案;
- 一光學感測模組,安裝於該色帶之側邊,其包含有一光學分角儀,用來於該色帶移動裝置移動該色帶時被該色帶移動裝置帶動,而轉動一特定格數;以及
- 一控制模組,用來於該色帶上之一染料區塊列印完畢後,依據該光學分角儀轉動之格數來控制該色帶移動裝置移動該色帶之下一染料區塊至列印頭處。
- 2. 如申請專利範圍第1項之彩色印表機,其中該色帶另包含至少一分隔區,設於二染料區之間。
- 3. 如申請專利範圍第2項之彩色印表機,其中該光學感測模組另包含一第一光源,用來對該色帶發出一光線,以及一光感測器,用來感測由該第一光源射出並穿透該色帶之光線,其中當該光感測器感測到該分隔區時便輸出一感測訊號至該控制模組。
- 4. 如申請專利範圍第1項之彩色印表機,其另包含一第二



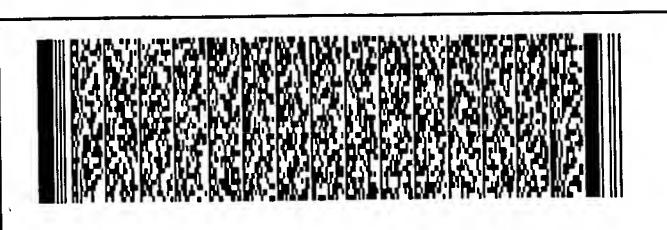


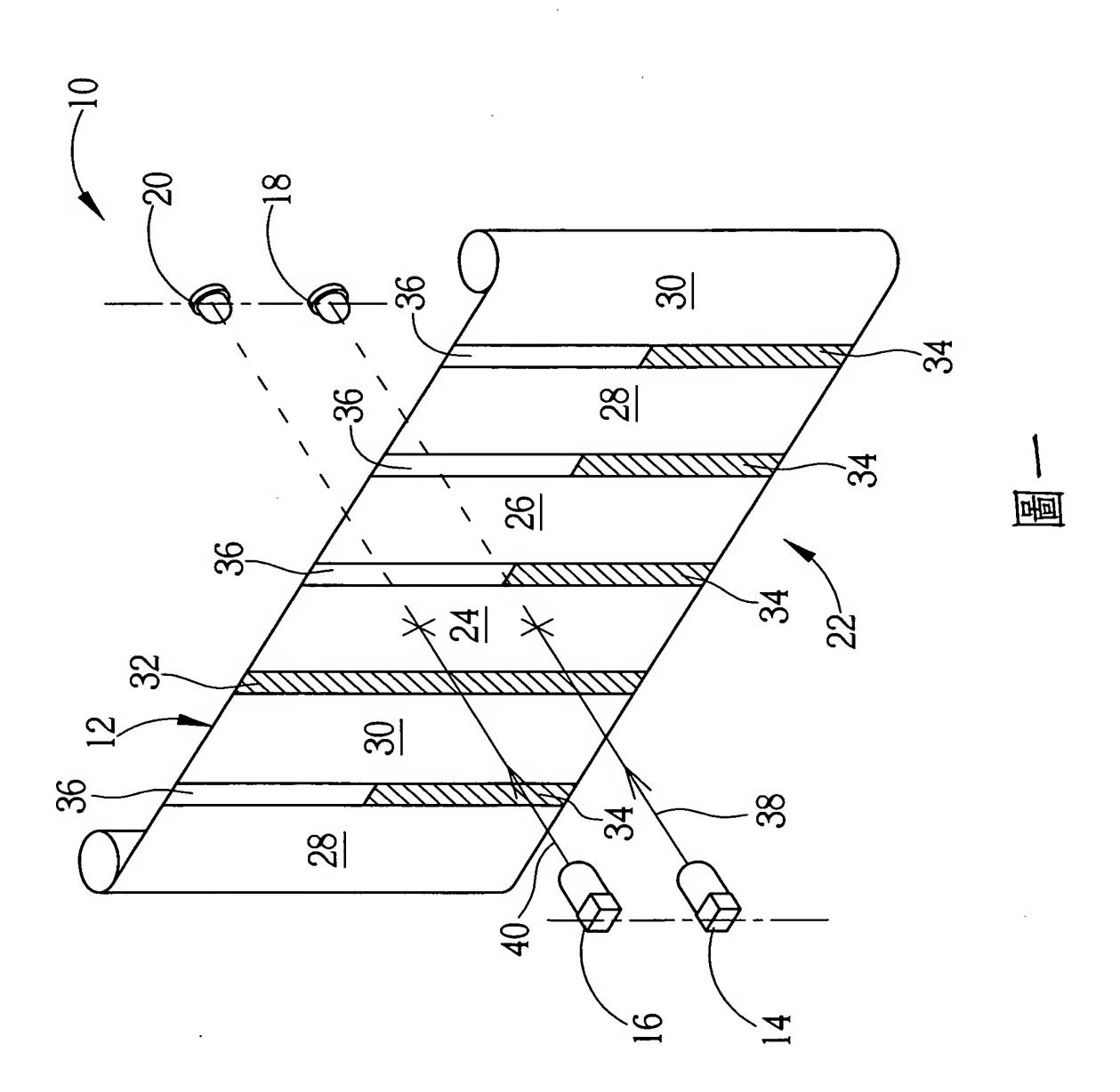
六、申請專利範圍

光源,用來對該光學分角儀發出

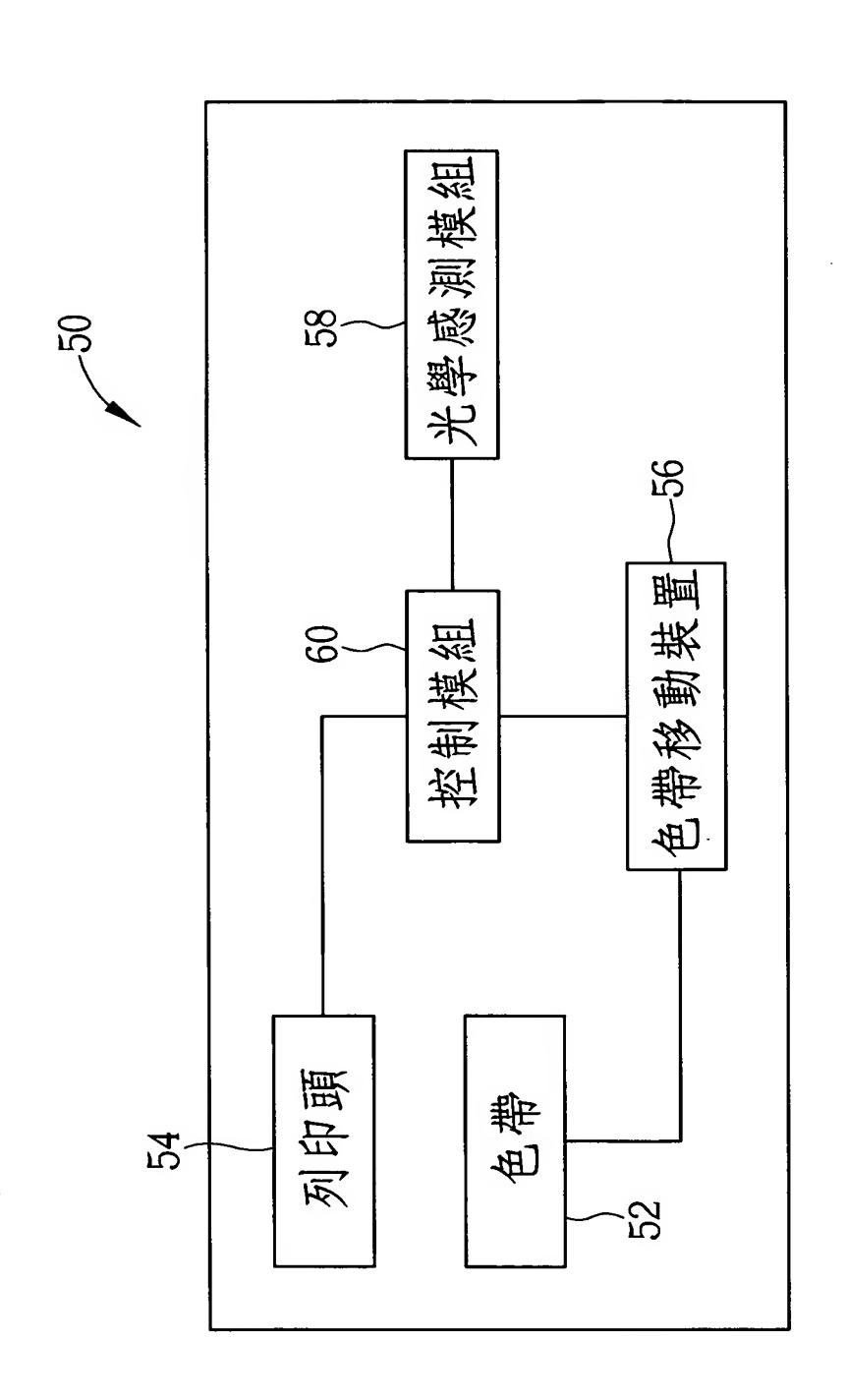
器,用來接收由該第二光源射出並,以及一光檢測線,以得出該光學分角儀轉動之格數光學分角儀之光

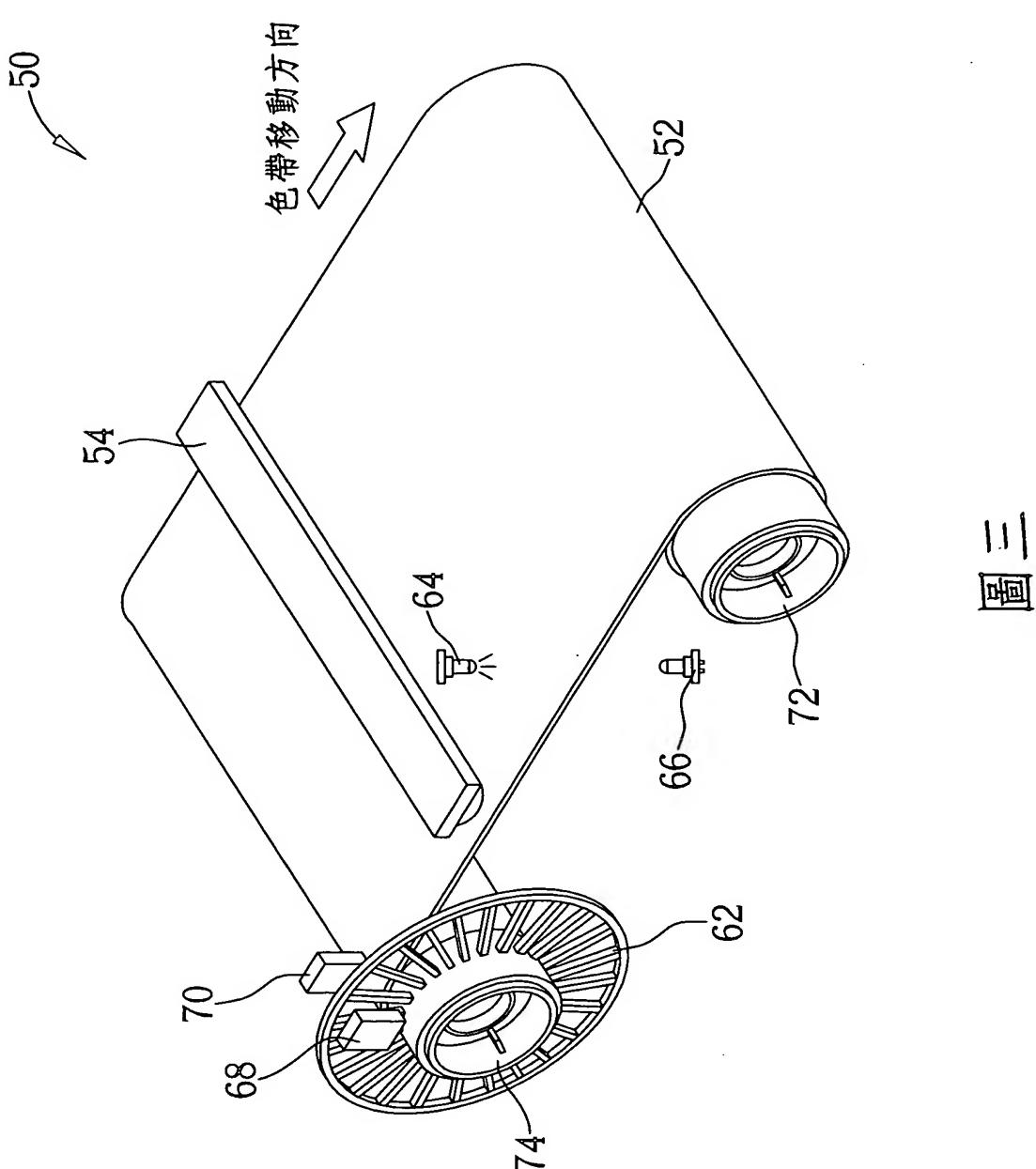
- 5. 如申請專利範圍第1項之彩色印表機, 裝置係以一等線速度之方式捲動該色帶。交色帶移動
- 6. 如申請專利範圍第1項之彩色印表機,其中每包含有黃色(yellow)、洋紅色(magenta)、青綠色料區及保護層(over coating)四個染料區塊。
- 7. 如申請專利範圍第1項之彩色印表機,其中該控制模組 係可依據該光學分角儀轉動之格數來辨識該色帶目前之位 置。
- 8. 如申請專利範圍第1項之彩色印表機,其中該彩色印表機係為一相片印表機。

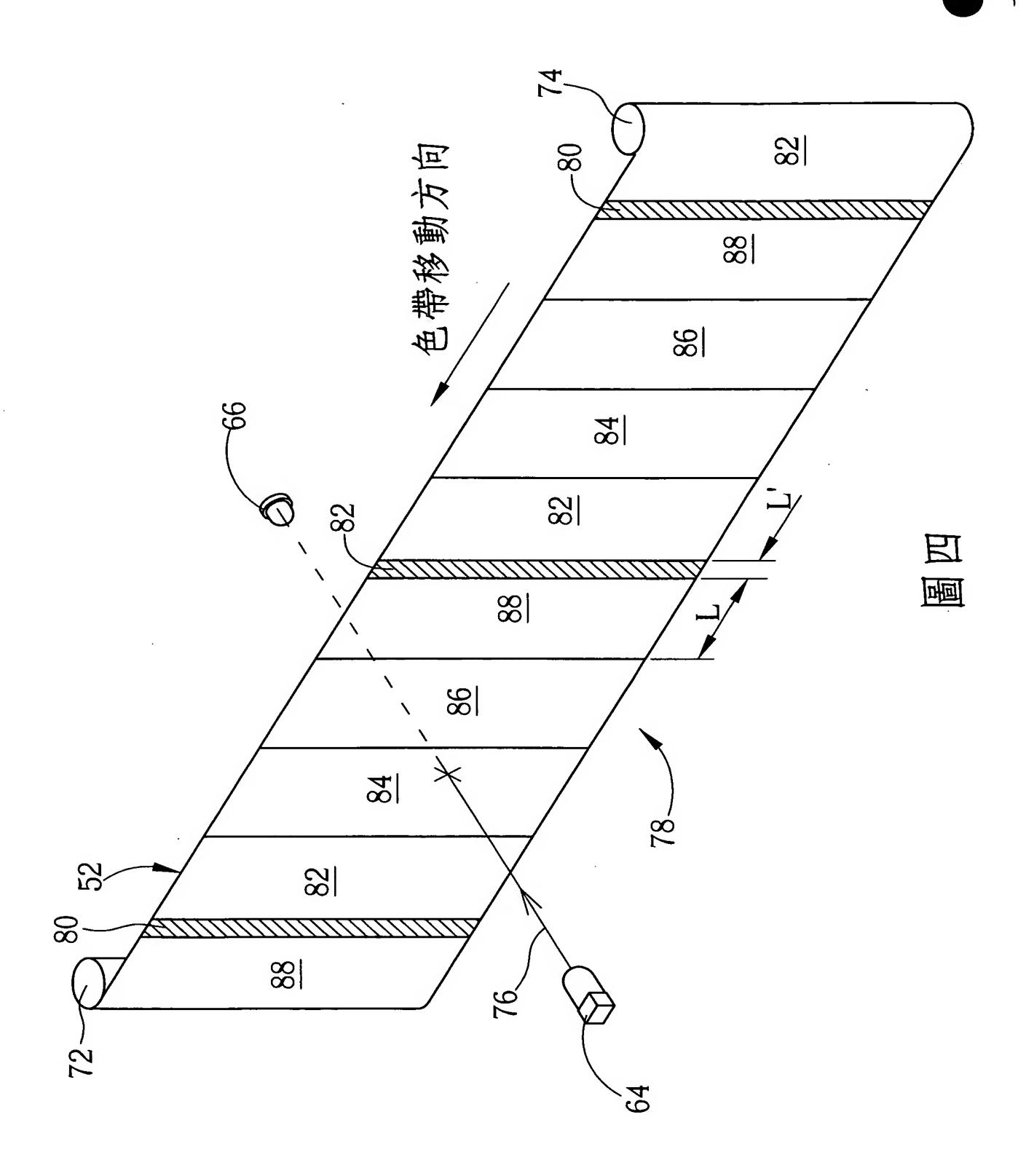


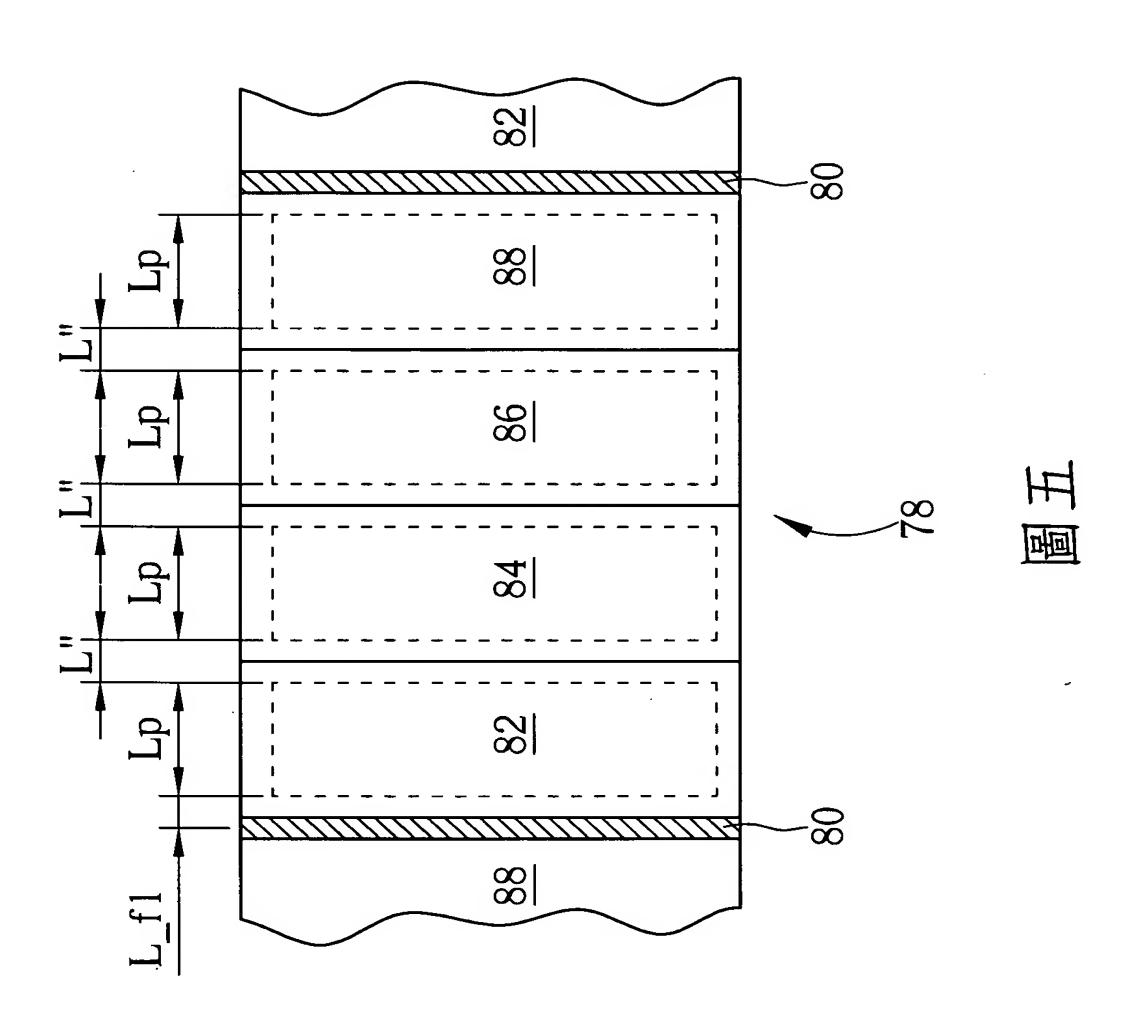


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搜尋黃色染料區塊前之分隔區,色帶移動裝置以等線速度捲動色帶

當光感測器感測到黃色染料區塊前 之分隔區時,輸出一感測訊號至控 制模組,以開始執行列印黃色染料 區塊於該相紙

當色帶移動裝置轉動相對應於黃色染料區塊之列印範圍長度Lp所需之步數時,光檢測器可同步感測出光學分角儀轉動之格數N,列印頭停止列印

色帶移動裝置捲動色帶前進,光 檢測器感測出光學分角儀轉動格 數N'時輸出一感測訊號至控制模組 ,以操控色帶移動裝置停止捲動色 帶,而(Lp/N)=(L"/N')

啓動列印頭執行列印洋紅色染料區塊之工作,之後並重複執行步驟104與步驟106,直至洋紅色染料區塊、青綠色染料區塊,以及保護層染料區塊列印完畢為止

若需繼續列印下一張相紙,則重複 執行步驟100至步驟108,否則即結——110 東列印工作

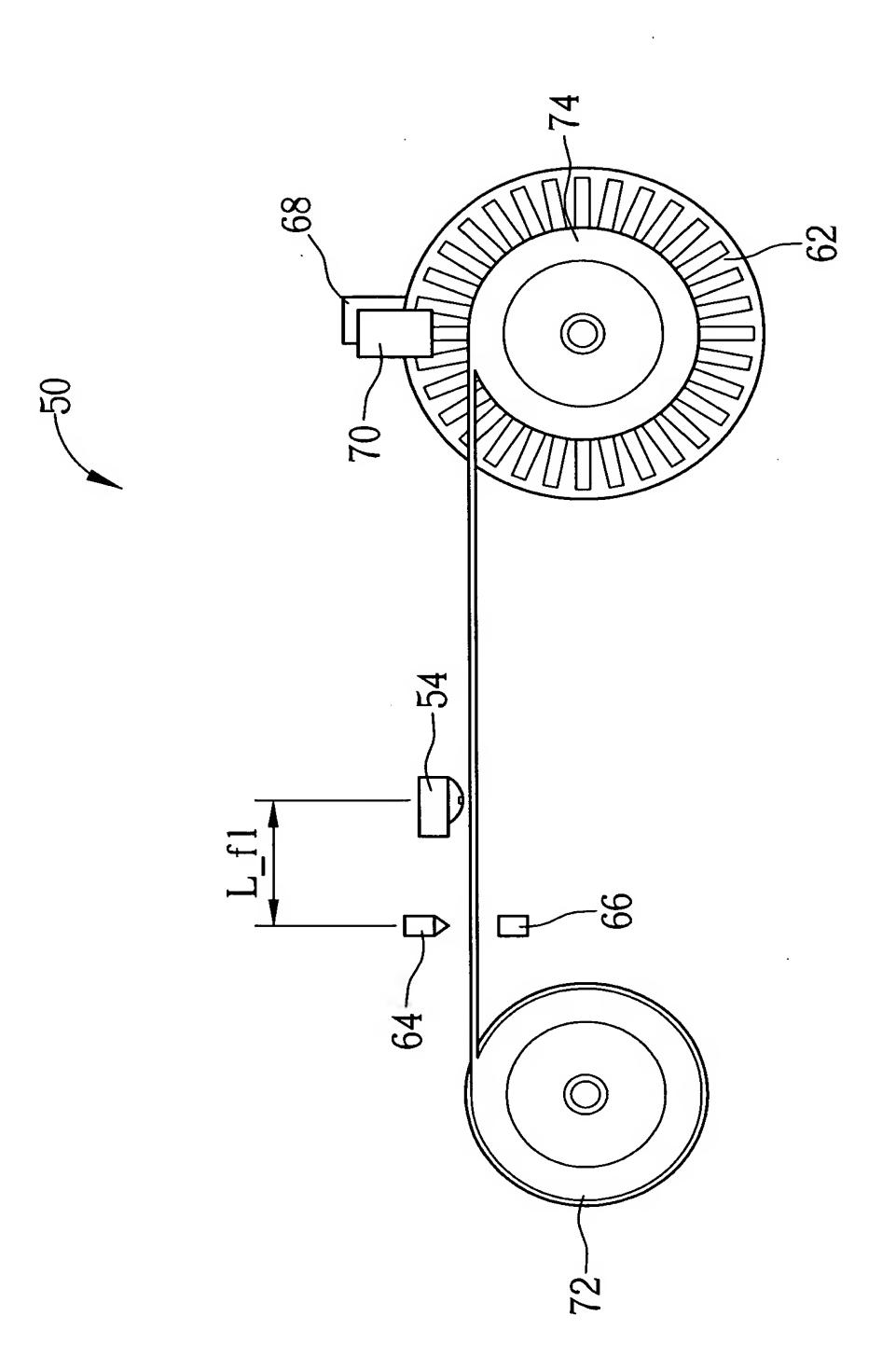
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